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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9452

INFO AMCTNSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

REF: A. GENEVA 923; B. STATE 26160; C. STATE 17570;
C. GABORONE 212; E. GABORONE 207; F. GABORONE 201;
G. GABORONE 188 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMHARY: EMBASSY GRATIFIED BY DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED RELIEF
FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA (REF B). FARAH MISSION
VISITES BOTSWANA NEXT WEEK, AND WE PLAN TO CTME UP WITH
ADDITIONAL INFORMAATION AND SUGGESTIONS AS RESULT OF OUR
CONSULTATIONS WITH IT AND WITH GOB. MEANWHILE, IN RESPONSE
TO REF C, WE TRANSMIT THE MOST RECENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION
ON REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA, AS GLEANED FROM UNHCR AND GOB
SOURCES. AS DEPARTMENT HAS REMARKED, MUCH OF THIS
INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS REPORTING.
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ITEMS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS ASKED IN STATE 17570.
END SUMMARY.

2. A SIZE OF REFUGEE POPULATION: THIS IS ESSENTIALLY
AN UPDATE OF DTATE TRANSMITTED BY UNHCR REP HERE TO HIS
OFFICE IN GENEVA, AS MENTIONED IN REF A.

SOUTH AFRICANS

POST-SOWETO	258 (27 FEMALE)
PRE-SOWETO	116
PAST WEEK	8
UNREGISTERED (ESTIMATE)	200
TOTAL	582

ANGOLANS

MALE	59
FEMALE	33
CHILDREN	27
TOTAL	119

NAMIBIANS

SWANU	45 (7 FEMALE)
SWAPO	29
UNDECIDED	1

TOTAL	75
ZIMBABWEANS	
GABORONE	158 (20 FEMALE)
FRANCISTOWN IN TRANSIT	800 (ESTIMATED)
TOTAL	958

NOTE: NUMBER OF ZIMBABWEANS CONSTANTLY FLUCTUATING.

BASOTHO	TOTAL	163 (PLUS 50-100 ALREADY SETTLED, NOT BEING ASSISTED) GRAND TOTAL 1,897 (ESTIMATED)
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AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS REPORTING, REFUGEE NUMBERS MAY BE
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EXPECTED TO INCREASE MARKEDLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETER-
IORATION OF SITUATION IN BOTH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

B. PROFILE OF REFUGEE POPULATION:

SOUTH AFRICANS - 90 PERCENT MALE; ALL IN AGE BRACKET
16-25 URBAN BACKGROUND; EDUCATION INCLUDES A FEW
PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS, BUT MOST HAVE SOME YEARS
HIGH SCHOOL AND A FEW UNIVERSITY.

ANGOLAN - SEX DISTRIBUTION AS NOTED SUBPARA A ABOVE;
URBAN BACKGROUND.

NAMIBIANS - SWANU BETWEEN 20 AND 25 YEARS AGE; URBAN;
PRIMARY TO SOME YEARS SECONDARY EDUCATION. SWAPO ALL
MALE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS; 16 TO 20 YEARS.

ZIMBABWEANS - IN GABORO E, MAJORITY O-LEVEL STUDENTS
SEEKING FURTHER EDUCATION; AGE 18-25. IN FRANCIS-
TOWN, NEARLY ALL LATE TEENS TO EARLY TWENTIES; MOSTLY

MALES.

BASOTHO - MOSTLY ORDER GROUP OF LONGER-TERM RESIDENTS;
MIXED EDUCATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND, AS
WELL AS SEX DISTRIBUTION.

C. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: LARGELY DESCRIBED IN REFS
E AND F. GOB PLANS FOR AIDING SOWETO STUDENTS SUPPOSED
TO BE READY BY TIME FARAH MISSION ARRIVES, BUT STILL
MAY NOT BE FIRM. GOB WITH WFP HELP IS FEEDING ZIMBABWEANS
IN FRANCISTOWN. AACC IS HELPING GOB WITH ZIMBABWEANS IN
GABORONE. UNHCR ASSISTING ALL OTHER REGISTERED REFUGEES,
AND HAS PROVIDED FUNDS FOR BUILDING TWO ADDITIONAL BARRACKS
AT FRANCISTOWN CENTER (O RATIONALE THAT THESE MAY BE USED

FOR ANY REFUGEES, NOT JUST ZIMBABWEANS). BILATERAL ASSIS-
TANCE (OTHER THAN SOME NORWEGIAN FUNDS GIVEN LAST YEAR
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FOR AIR TRANSPORT) LIMITED TO WEST GERMANY, WHICH HAS
PLEDGED 36 THOUSAND PULA (U.S. DOLLARS 41 THOUSAND) FOR
UNSPECIFIED RELIEF, WITH PROMISE OF MORE TO COME.

D. USG ASSISTANCE: COVERED IN PREVIOUS REPORTING, ESPECIALLY
IN REFS D AND E.

3. ASSESSMENT OF RELIEF EFFORTS: UNHCR CLEARLY THE MOST
PROFESSIONAL AGENCY, ALTHOUGH IT MUST FOLLOW NECESSARILY
CONSERVATIVE POLICY DICTATED BY LIMITED FUNDS AND BY
INABILITY TO TAILOR ASSISTANCE PLANS TO MEET PROJECTED
(AS OPPOSED TO ACTUAL) REFUGEE NUMBERS. UNHCR ALSO
LIMITED THUS FAR BY INABILITY TO PROVIDE DIRECT RELIEF
TO ZIMBABWEANS, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THAT WILL NOW
CHANGE IF WE EARMARK OUR 36,000 DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION
FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE BOTSWANA COUNCIL FOR REFUGEES (BCR) HAS GREAT
POTENTIAL AS OVERALL GOB COORDINATING AGENCY, BUT THIS
POTENTIAL LARGELY UNREALIZED TO DATE. THE BOTSWANA
CHRISTIAN COUNCIL (BCC) ALSO MEANS WELL BUT REQUIRES
GUIDANCE. IN BRIEF, THE RELATIVELY NEW AND INCREASINGLY
LARGE REFUGEE PROGRAM
IN BOTSWANA DOES NOT SEEM TO
HAVE PROBLEMS OF SERIOUS CORRUPTION OR WASTE,
BUT ITS GOOD INTENTIONS DESPERATELY NEED EXPERIENCED
DIRECTION. THE NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING WILL
INCREASE IN PROPORTION TO THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM,
WHICH WE EXPECT TO INCREASE AT LEAST TWOFOLD, PROBABLY
MORE, BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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CAPE TOWN OR EMBASSY

F. ASSISTANCE GAPS: IF UNHCR DEVOTES 36,000 DOLLARS
TO RELIEF OF ZIMBABWEANS IN FRANCISTOWN, WE SEE THE
REMAINING NEEDS TO FALL IN THE AREAS OF (1) TENTS
FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING; (2) A SCHOOL/CAMP FOR THE SOWETO
STUDENTS; AND (3) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL AND
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. THESE AREAS OF ASSISTANCE HAVE
BEEN DESCRIBED IN REFS D, E AND G AND PREVIOUS REPORTING.
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